News release

September temperature records tumble

29 September 2006

This September looks set to be the warmest on record in the United Kingdom. The average UK temperature has been 15.4 °C, which is 3.1 °C above the long-term average. The previous record of 14.7 °C was set in 1949.

Historical climate records for the UK are kept at the Met Office in Exeter, and these show that all areas of the UK are on course to break their September temperature record. Night-time minimum temperatures, in particular, are high, with the UK value of 11.5 °C — nearly 1°C above the previous record of 10.6 °C, set in 1949.

Although there are still two days of the month to go (the above values are as of 9 a.m. GMT on 29 September 2006), climate experts at the Met Office are confident that records will be broken around the country, in many cases by some margin.

More about UK climate averages

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